

REMARKS

Claims 1-10, 27, 35 and 44-45 are pending in this patent application. Claims 1 and 45 have been amended. Claims 11-15, 22-23, 26, 29-34, 36-43 and 46-49 are cancelled.

Request for Continued Examination

This amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination

Reversal of Rejection of claims 36 and 45 in BPAI Appeal Decision Decided

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Applicants have amended claim 1 to include the subject matter of its dependent claim 36 and the intervening claim 22-23 from which claim 36 depended. Claim 45 now depends from amended claim 1 rather than claim 36.

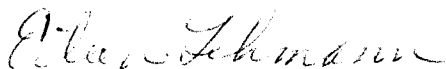
Conclusion

In light of the arguments presented above, the pending claims are in condition for allowance, and Applicant respectfully requests a prompt notice of allowance.

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